

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA
CHARLOTTESVILLE DIVISION

BABY DOE, <i>et al.</i>)	
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<i>Plaintiffs,</i>)	
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v.)	Case No. 3:22-cv-49-NKM
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JOSHUA MAST, <i>et al.</i>)	
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<i>Defendants,</i>)	
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and)	
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UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF)	
STATE ANTONY BLINKEN, <i>et al.</i> ,)	
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<i>Nominal Defendants.</i>)	
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DECLARATION OF JOSHUA MAST

I, Joshua Mast, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18 and competent to testify in this matter.
2. I have personal knowledge about the matters stated in this Declaration.
3. I am a Defendant in the above-captioned matter.
4. On January 3, 2023, my wife, Stephanie Mast, and I participated in an interview with CBS News.
5. Stephanie and I knew about this Court’s protective order and have made every effort to comply with it since we learned about it in September 2022.
6. Stephanie and I did not seek out media attention on this matter. We preferred to maintain the privacy of all parties involved, especially that of our daughter, Baby Doe.

7. After denying numerous media requests for statements or interviews, Stephanie and I finally agreed to talk to the media after Plaintiffs' public discussion of the case made it untenable for us to remain silent—including in light of the statement issued by the Taliban containing my name in a manner that could endanger our daughter.

8. While Stephanie and I agreed to the CBS News interview request, we made sure that we complied with the protective order and did not authorize CBS News to use any pictures that would identify our daughter.

9. Stephanie and I did not describe our daughter's scar. Stephanie said only that she recognized Baby Doe when we were united with her because of that scar.

10. Stephanie and I did not let CBS News take any videos or photos of our daughter's face, and we dressed her in a long dress so her scar could not be identified.

11. Stephanie and I did not identify to CBS News where our daughter was found in Afghanistan. Our interview was conducted after CBS News had interviewed multiple eyewitness U.S. Army Rangers.

12. Stephanie and I did not provide any information identifying John or Jane Doe in that interview or in our conversations with CBS News. We did not tell CBS News John and Jane Doe's names or where John and Jane Doe were from in Afghanistan.

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Executed on this, the 30th day of January, 2023.



Joshua Mast